

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A single piece generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising:

a medial side;

a lateral side;

a midfoot portion;

a forefoot portion, including a plurality of elongated elements that extend from the lateral side to the medial side, and from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of the forefoot portion, the plurality of elongated elements defining at least one space therebetween extending from a forwardmost extent of the forefoot portion and terminating in the midfoot portion; and

a rearfoot portion, including at least one elongated element that extends from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of a heel portion of the chassis;

~~The chassis of claim 1,~~ wherein at least one elongated element comprises at least one indentation along a width of the chassis.

6-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A single piece generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising:

a medial side;

a lateral side;

a midfoot portion;

a forefoot portion, including a plurality of elongated elements that extend from the lateral side to the medial side, and from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of the forefoot portion, the plurality of elongated elements defining at least one space therebetween extending from a forwardmost extent of the forefoot portion and terminating in the midfoot portion; and

a rearfoot portion, including at least one elongated element that extends from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of a heel portion of the chassis;

wherein the rearfoot portion comprises two elements defining an opening therebetween; and

~~The chassis of claim 9,~~ wherein the opening is in a form of a chevron.

11. The chassis of claim 10, wherein the chevron opens to one of the medial side or the lateral side of the chassis.

12. (Currently Amended) A single piece generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising:

a medial side;

a lateral side;

a midfoot portion;

a forefoot portion, including a plurality of elongated elements that extend from the lateral side to the medial side, and from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of the forefoot portion, the plurality of elongated elements defining at least one space therebetween extending from a forwardmost extent of the forefoot portion and terminating in the midfoot portion; and

a rearfoot portion, including at least one elongated element that extends from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of a heel portion of the chassis;

~~The chassis of claim 1,~~ wherein a thickness of a first portion of the chassis is different than a thickness of a second portion of the chassis.

13. The chassis of claim 12, wherein the first portion of the chassis comprises the forefoot portion and the second portion comprises the rearfoot portion.
14. The chassis of claim 12, wherein the first portion of the chassis comprises a first elongated element and the second portion comprises a second elongated element.
15. The chassis of claim 12, wherein the first portion of the chassis comprises the midfoot portion and the second portion comprises the forefoot portion.
16. The chassis of claim 12, wherein the chassis comprises more than two portions, each comprising a different thickness.
17. (Currently Amended) A single piece generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising:

a medial side;

a lateral side;

a midfoot portion;

a forefoot portion, including a plurality of elongated elements that extend from the lateral side to the medial side, and from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of the forefoot portion, the plurality of elongated elements defining at least one space therebetween extending from a forwardmost extent of the forefoot portion and terminating in the midfoot portion; and

a rearfoot portion, including at least one elongated element that extends from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of a heel portion of the chassis;

~~The chassis of claim 1,~~ wherein a first portion of the chassis comprises a material with properties different than a material of a second portion of the chassis.

18. The chassis of claim 17, wherein the chassis comprises more than two portions, each comprising different material properties.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A single piece generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising:

a medial side;

a lateral side;

a midfoot portion;

a forefoot portion, including a plurality of elongated elements that extend from the lateral side to the medial side, and from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of the forefoot portion, the plurality of elongated elements defining at least one space therebetween extending from a forwardmost extent of the forefoot portion and terminating in the midfoot portion;

a rearfoot portion, including at least one elongated element that extends from the midfoot portion into substantially an entire length of a heel portion of the chassis; and

~~The chassis of claim 1, further comprising~~ at least one lug extending from a bottom side of the chassis.

23. (Currently Amended) A single piece generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising a plurality of elongated elements that extend from a lateral side to a medial side of the chassis and extend substantially along an entire length from a heel portion of the chassis to a toe portion of the chassis, each elongated element comprising:

a midfoot portion;

a forefoot portion; and

a rearfoot portion;

wherein the plurality of elongated elements define at least one space therebetween extending from a forwardmost extent of the forefoot portion of the plurality of elongated elements and terminating in the midfoot portion; and

wherein the chassis further comprises ~~The chassis of claim 20, further comprising~~
at least one lug extending from a bottom side of the chassis.

24-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) An article of footwear including a sole with at least one cleat, the sole comprising a generally planar polymeric chassis, wherein a forefoot portion of the chassis has a lateral side and a medial side, the lateral and medial sides being proximate to corresponding lateral and medial sides of the article of footwear, the chassis extending substantially along an entire length of (i) a heel portion of the article of footwear, and (ii) a toe portion of the article of footwear, and wherein the cleat is proximate to at least one of the lateral and medial sides of the article of footwear;

wherein the polymeric chassis is integrally formed with a skin; and

~~The article of footwear of claim 35~~ further comprising an externally visible
intermediate layer of material between the integrally formed chassis and skin.

37. The article of footwear of claim 36, wherein the intermediate layer of material is a film.
38. The article of footwear of claim 37, wherein the film comprises one of a design, a color, and a combination of a design and a color.
39. A generally planar polymeric chassis for installation in an article of footwear, the chassis comprising at least three elongated elements with generally nonlinear spaces formed therebetween, the elongated elements extending from a lateral side to a medial side of the chassis and extending substantially along an entire length of the chassis from a heel portion of the chassis to a toe portion of the chassis, each elongated element comprising:
- a midfoot portion;
 - a forefoot portion; and
 - a rearfoot portion.